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Anderson joins Iowa Great Places Board

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MASON CITY — Robin Anderson, executive director of the Mason City Chamber of Commerce, was appointed Wednesday to the first Iowa Great Places Board.

Gov. Tom Vilsack and Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson announced the appointees in Des Moines.

Iowa Great Places is designed to bring together the resources of state government to help regions, communities and neighborhoods cultivate the qualities that make these areas special places to live and work, said Vilsack.

Communities are encouraged to capitalize on their historic fabric, built and natural environment, housing options, retail amenities, entrepreneurial incentives, business development, diversity, arts and culture, he said.

The board will advise in the design of the Iowa Great Places initiative and assist in the selection of three pilot Great Places. Board members include community and cultural leaders.

Anderson serves on the Citizen's Committee for the Restoration of the Frank



Anderson

Lloyd Wright-designed Park Inn Hotel and is a board member of the Mason City Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Mason City Down-

town Association, the Stebens Children's Theatre Foundation Board and the Choral Music Guild. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Mason City Youth Task Force and is a program facilitator for the YIELD group (Youth Investing Energy in Leadership Development). Anderson also serves on the Iowa Values Fund Loan and Credit Guarantee Board.

Other board members are: David Bernstein of Sioux City; Claire Celsi of Des Moines; Samantha Ericson of Pleasant Hill; Mark Ginsberg of, Iowa City; Tom Hanafan, Mayor of Council Bluffs; Terry Lynch of Marion; Bill Menner of Grinnell; Gil Spence of Dubuque; Amanda Styron of Mount Pleasant and Rita Vagas of Davenport.

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